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Department of Health Releases Public Water Systems Capacity Report

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Health recently presented the 2003-2005 *State Capacity Development Efficacy Report* to Governor John Hoeven.

The report discusses the effectiveness of the Department's strategy for improving the technical, managerial and financial capacities of public water systems across the state.

According to the report, the Department of Health's efforts include:

- Identifying and prioritizing systems in need of assistance.
- Utilizing existing tools, including facility inspections, operator certification programs, training sessions and technical assistance.
- Developing and implementing a self-evaluation questionnaire and capacity attribute evaluation to help public water systems assess existing capacity.
- Assisting public water systems to improve and maintain their water operations.

According to the report, since 2001, 96 percent of the public water systems receiving assistance through the department's Capacity Development Program have identified weaknesses and resolved capacity problems.

The *State Capacity Development Efficacy Report* is available on the North Dakota Department of Health website at www.health.state.nd.us/MF/ or by calling 701.328.5211. For more information, call David Bruschwein at 701.328.5259.

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